

PORT OF LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
WILMINGTON WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Port of Los Angeles
425 S. Palos Verdes Street
San Pedro, CA

Minutes
April 13, 2010

ATTENDEES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS/PCAC

Ken Melendez, Chair
Arthur Hernandez, Alternate Member
Frank Herrera, Alternate Member
Gary Kern, Voting Member
Charlie Rico, Voting Member

PORT STAFF

Chris Brown
Cecilia Moreno

PUBLIC PARTICIPANTS

Steve Hamwey - Sasaki
Connie Rivera
Nila Wilson

PORT POLICE

Harry Hunold
Officer Cheryl Morris

Meeting Location: Banning's Landing, 100 E. Water Street, Wilmington, CA 90744

- A. Call to Order: 5:40 PM
- B. Agenda Approved
- C. The Minutes of the March 9, 2010 Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee meeting were approved.
- D. Chair Update:
DWP /Overflow Parking in the Lot Across from Banning's Landing:
Gordon Teuber, from the Council Office, District 15, verified that the DWP would be willing to work with the POLA Real Estate Division on overflow parking access in the lot across the street from Banning's Landing, when events at the Landing warranted the extra parking. Ken Melendez will touch base with POLA Executive Management regarding their perspective on using this space.
- E. Staff Update:
 - LA City Planning /State Fish Land Purchase
Mr. Melendez distributed a copy of the letter that had been sent to Dr. Geraldine Knatz, regarding the Subcommittee's decision to support the sale of land parcels to the State Fish Company (parcels at 225 N. King

Ave/APN7417008908, 227 N. King Ave/APN 7417008908, 229 N. King Ave/APN7417008905 and 233 N. King Ave/APN7417008905.

The Port of LA is scheduled to go to the LA City Planning Commission meeting on June 13, 2010, to obtain approval from the Commission to downgrade Wilmington Blvd. and Neptune Avenue, so that this area can be vacated and officially designated open space in the Buffer project. In addition, they are looking to change the land use designation and zoning for all the property in the Buffer area to Open Space, as well as obtaining the proper designations for parking lots, bridges and restaurants in the project area. Land use and zoning for the Buffer will be designated Open Space except for the area of Harpers Marine, and the adjacent trucking business, as well as the State Fish parcels. The three parcels that had been inadvertently missed in the initial plan are now included in the new open space land and zone changes. The sidewalk on the west side of State Fish will be removed to widen the street.

Ken Melendez heard that there was talk about a revocable permit allowing State Fish to close off Hawaiian Avenue at C Street and the alley between Hawaiian and King Street. Chris Brown had no knowledge of this and didn't think the Port had anything to do with this issue. The Subcommittee asked to be kept abreast of anything that arises regarding this issue.

- Avalon Triangle:
Chris Brown, from the POLA Engineering Division, reported that the Port was moving ahead on the cleanup of the site. The Board approved the efforts of the Port to apply for Grant funding. If the Port receives the grant then the project would move forward, if not, then the plan would be to try to fit it into the Port's budget. The design is done. The Port is awaiting a response regarding the grant. It may take as long as late summer to hear anything.
- Buffer Area:
The funding for the Buffer is secured and the project is moving along. King Street will be reopened in a month or two. The steel and the walls for the buildings are going up. The last portion of the storm drain is being submerged under the street.

Mr. Melendez raised the question about lighting the Iconic / Signature Bridge in the Buffer area, something similar to the Vincent Thomas Bridge. It was suggested that perhaps a foundation could be set up to take the lead on event planning and fundraising for the proposed lighting plan. The Subcommittee asked for a cost estimate to light the bridge.

- Wilmington Waterfront:
There wasn't much of an update. Sasaki was still working on refining the design. Due to funding issues, the project was moving forward, albeit at a slower pace.

F. Public Comment:
Cecilia Moreno announced that the Port of LA and LB would be holding a public outreach workshop on the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan Update, on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 from 7 Pm to 9PM at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 601 S. Palos Verdes Street, San Pedro. The intent of the workshop is to obtain public comment.

G. Non Agenda Items:
One of the elements in the Wilmington Waterfront EIR was to redevelop the Bekins Building in Wilmington as a Red Car Museum. Dr. Knatz is looking to organize a trip to the Orange Railway Museum, in Perris, California. The trip would likely be planned during regular business hours. She was looking to see who from the Wilmington Subcommittee would be interested in such a tour. The following members were interested: Ken Melendez, Charlie Rico, Frank Herrera, and Cecilia Moreno.

Gary Kern asked if the Committee could touch base with the Wilmington Skills Center to see what their desires would be with regard to expanding the Skill Center.

H. Next Subcommittee Meeting: June 8, 2010

I. Adjournment: 6:30 PM

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Ken Melendez, Chair
Wilmington Waterfront Development Subcommittee

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Debra Babcock-Doherty, PCAC Executive Assistant